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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 14 January 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Welder, US 6,473,855.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: applicant emphasized the main goal of the invention is to allow hard disc manufacturers to include server contacting program in the hard disc at the time of manufacturing. Examiner explained that Welder discloses server contacting program in system firmware in non-volatile memory which is transferred to the hard disc during the manufacturing according to one embodiment and prior to loading and running the operating system (col. 8, lines 11-22).

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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